

WILSON PUTS
HIS NAME TO
MONEY DRAFTLong Currency Fight is
Ended With Attaching of
Signature Today.

MANY AT CEREMONY

Bristow, as Closing Protest,
Charges System Will Be
Under Political Control.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The administration currency bill entered the last stage of its passage when the senate met at 10 this morning to take up the conference report, already delayed 24 hours by difficulties in the house. The bill came to the senate with agreement upon all disputed points approved by the lower body. It remained for the senate to act upon compromises that had been effected between the two houses. Democratic leaders expected the bill to be engrossed and on the way to the White house for the president's signature before night.

Six o'clock tonight was the hour set by White house officials for the president to sign the currency bill. Five hours later the president plans to leave for a three weeks' vacation in Mississippi.

Senator Owen and Representative Glass, co-authors of the bill, members of the congressional banking committee, and leaders of congress will be invited to attend the ceremony. The president will sign with two gold pens, and will present one to Owen and the other to Glass.

The president exchanged Christmas greetings with his official family at the cabinet session today.

When the senate debate began under agreement to vote at 2:30 this afternoon, Bristow, one of the republicans of the banking committee, who had been denied admittance to the deliberations of the democratic conferees, said the agreement for placing the secretary of the treasury, secretary of agriculture and comptroller of the currency on the committee to organize the new system, was a move to bring the whole system under political control.

Just Talked Too Much.
Bristow declared he believed Owen excluded him from the conference for fear he might join some democrats against Owen's "pet measures." He said Owen accepted some of the most offensive provisions of the Aldrich bill and covered them to mask and deceive the people.

Owen replied that Bristow was excluded because the democrats did not want their conference to "become a debating society."
Bristow alleged the bill was drawn largely in the interests of the banks and that Owen was largely interested in banking. Owen retorted the charges were "false and ridiculous." Twenty-four years ago he helped organize a "little bank in Oklahoma," Owen said, and still owned stock in the bank and "will continue to own it until I die."

Nelson, another of the excluded republican conferees, assailed the democrats. "You insulted the republicans of the senate, humiliated me and disfranchised the state I represent," he said.

Like Negro Woman and Auto.
Williams of Mississippi, declaring the republicans were crying against the same sort of procedure they always exercised when in power, illustrated a point in the story of a negro woman who had decried automobiles until she got a ride in one, then admonished the driver: "Judge, just run right over that man. He ain't got no business in front of our car." "That's the way I feel about you republicans," said he.

Townsend, republican, said the bill would result in inflation. "It shows the effect of the views of the democratic leader, now the distinguished secretary of state," said he. "These views, if carried to a conclusion, would inflate both the currency and credit to the breaking point."

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Manila, P. I., Dec. 23.—Charles Budd Robinson, United States government botanist, was killed by natives of Amboyna Island, Malay, Archipelago. He was 41.

THE NEW TONIC

DEATH OF PEPPER
ENDS A ROMANCEGenevieve Clark, Daughter of
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ing of Congressman.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The death at Clinton, Iowa yesterday of Congressman I. S. Pepper of Iowa ends pathetically a romance in which he found with Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the speaker of the house of representatives.

According to the gossip in congressional circles Miss Clark and Mr. Pepper, if not actually engaged, had an understanding. Miss Clark was prostrated when informed of the news of Mr. Pepper's death, and the entire family was in tears.

The friendship between the congressman and the speaker's daughter is said to date back to the ante-convention campaign of her father for the presidency last year.
Mr. Pepper was instrumental in swinging the 26 votes from Iowa into line for Speaker Clark. Through his friends in the state he tied them so hard and fast that the delegation was one of the last to desert the Missourian standard and even then 13 Iowa delegates to the convention were in the little "last ditch band" of Clark adherents.

Last spring Mr. Pepper and Miss Clark were in the same party on a trip to the canal zone and the congressman was most attentive to her during the entire three weeks. They were also said to have corresponded during her European tour in the summer.

Following is Speaker Clark's tribute to Representative Pepper: "He had a phenomenal political and professional career. He was one of my prime favorites and repaid my friendship in scriptural measure, heaped up, pressed down and running over. His death is not only a great loss to Iowa and the country at large, but to me it is a sore personal bereavement. Being from adjoining states, and the only representative of Iowa of my political faith in the sixty-second congress, it was natural that he and I formed acquaintanceship which grew into a close friendship."

and Poindexter, progressive, voted with the democrats.

The senate adopted a resolution to recess until Jan. 12.

The house adjourned at 3:11 until Jan. 12. Many will go home for the holidays.

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LEEDS CITIZENS
SWEEP STREETSFashionable Folk Out as Work-
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Public Service.

Leeds, England, Dec. 23.—Sixty prominent men comprising doctors, lawyers, clergymen and merchants, with brooms, shovels and garbage trucks, acted as sweepers and gave a demonstration of the determination of citizens not to yield to the demands of employees of the municipal service who are on strike.

The streets had not been swept nor garbage cans emptied in 10 days. Many volunteers drove to the place of assembly in their own automobiles at midnight and worked six hours under police guard, despite the volley of stones and metal thrown by strikers at several points. Another body of private citizens manned the municipal gas, electric and waterworks.

Michigan SUF IS
FREED IN LONDON

Miss Zelle Emerson Acquitted
of a Charge of Assaulting
a Policeman.

London, Eng., Dec. 23.—The police magistrate dismissed charges of assaulting the police brought against Miss Zelle Emerson, Michigan suffragist, in connection with a disturbance of last week. Miss Emerson and her friends walked out of court with all the honors of war. She testified that the statement of a policeman that she deliberately smashed his helmet was untrue, although she might have done so accidentally.

The magistrate paid a tribute to the general truthfulness of militant suffragists, remarking, "If Miss Emerson intentionally hit the policeman, she would have said so."

DYNAMITE FOUND
IN MINER'S ROOMOrganizer of Western Federa-
tion Is Held Under Bond at
Calumet, Mich.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 23.—Morr O'Haman, said to be an organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, today was held in \$2,000 bond for illegally concealing explosives. It is said four sticks of dynamite and fuses were found in his room.

Union officials say the ultimatum of operators that none of the strikers will be taken back after Jan. 1 is having no effect. In mining circles it is admitted largely increased importations of non-union men are expected next month.

TWO NEW ROADS TO
BE BUILT IN CHINA

Peking, Dec. 23.—The Chinese foreign minister and the German minister to China today signed an agreement for the construction of two railroads in China by German engineers and to utilize purely German materials from the German capital. The total cost is to be \$17,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

State Bank for Magnolia.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—James J. Brady, auditor of public accounts, issued a permit today for the organization of the First State bank of Magnolia, in Putnam county, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The incorporators are Robert A. Ward, William H. Skelton, E. A. Mathias, A. B. Wilson and R. W. Spencer.

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INTER COUCH
WHILE LOVER
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Her Past Life.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 23.—With the release from the Sullivan county jail probably today of Miss Adelaide M. Brance, who for three years endured voluntary confinement for the sake of being the secret companion of Melvin H. Couch, the mystery of her identity may never be solved. She desires to leave Monticello quietly to lessen the burden of anxiety for Mrs. Couch and her daughters.

Miss Brance, who is 40, refused to reveal her early life. Fifteen years ago, she said, while trying to interest Couch in a book for which she was agent, their friendship began. They met frequently until three years ago when they concluded that secret meetings that lasted at first a day could be prolonged to a week, then weeks, finally to her taking living quarters in the lawyer's office.

Couch died of heart disease. Mrs. Couch refused to discuss the case. Confronted by the widow, Miss Brance begged forgiveness, crying piteously. "I loved him," she said.

Mystery Unexplained.
Couch was quietly buried this afternoon, leaving behind no written word to explain the mystery of his dual existence and association with Miss Brance.

From a cell in the jail, where she is held on a technical charge, the woman saw the funeral procession pass. She had expressed a wish to be at the graveside, but the widow forbade it. She was released this afternoon.

"Then I am going to vanish," she said.

STILL IN DOUBT
OVER LOPEZ FATENot a Sound Has Come from
Utah-Apex Mine Since the
14th of December.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 23.—If Ralph Lopez, the slayer of six men—a Mexican and two deputies in Adit tunnel and a chief of police and two deputy sheriffs—is still in the Utah-Apex mine, where he took refuge Nov. 27, he is securely sealed up and will be a prisoner there until after Christmas. Not a sound has come from the mine since Dec. 14, when heavy bulkheads were erected in the tunnel months to prevent his escape. Many believe he escaped shortly after snuggles were lit for the purpose of asphyxiating him. It is believed the mystery will not be cleared until the bulkheads are removed and the workings searched.

BOARD IGNORING
GEORGE CHARGESTrustees of Republic Says He
Has Not Been Officially Con-
nected Since 1908.

New York, Dec. 23.—Taking the ground that William R. George, founder of the George Junior Republic, at Freeville, N. Y., officially severed his connection with the republic in 1908, and therefore they have no jurisdiction, the trustees of the republic will take no action on that part of the recent report of the state board of charities recommending the removal of George from all participation in the republic's affairs. Trustees this afternoon will reply to 10 recommendations of the board as to the future conduct of the institution.

BRAND WHITLOCK'S
FATHER IS CALLED

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Rev. Dr. Elias D. Whitlock, aged 70, of Toledo, father of Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, and a retired Methodist clergyman, died here today. He was over-coming Saturday while Christmas shopping with his son, William G., of this city. News of the confirmation of Mayor Whitlock's appointment as minister to Belgium was taken to him last night as he watched at his parent's bedside.

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SEEK ARREST OF
MISSING BANKERWarrant Issued for John I.
Evarts, Plainfield, on Lar-
ceny Charge.

Plainfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—At the moment that Erastus W. Willard of Joliet, receiver for the Plainfield State bank, took charge of that institution yesterday, the Rev. Walter Evans, a retired Congregational minister who had \$180 on deposit, swore to a warrant for the arrest of the missing John I. Evarts, owner of the bank, charging larceny as bailor.

In his affidavit, on which the warrant is based, the Rev. Mr. Evans says that the petition before Federal Judge Carpenter, on which a receiver was appointed, was made by three small depositors of the bank, friends of the missing Evarts, and that it was their intention to settle the claims of the creditors by a small payment and leave Evarts free. The Rev. Mr. Evans says that this is in no sense an attack on Receiver Willard, but on the tactics of the few who made the application for a receivership.

"I have reason to believe," said Receiver Willard yesterday, "that certain of the depositors were given advance information about the condition of the bank and were enabled to withdraw their deposits before the bank closed."

The books show that at least four of the depositors who were not so favored were permitted to deposit their money only a few hours before the bank doors were locked for the last time.

Charles Sonntag, druggist, agent for the Joliet & Southern Traction company and the Western Gas & Electric Light Company, was allowed to deposit \$500 on Thursday. George Flagg and Theodore Burghstahler deposited \$500 each the same day. That night Evarts disappeared. A. C. Steiner also deposited \$500 that day.

"The books are in a very tangled condition," said Receiver Willard yesterday when he took charge, and, with the aid of two clerks, began to try to learn how affairs stand. "It may be a week before I can make any definite statement."

From what he has been able to learn after a few hours' work the bank's total liabilities are about \$91,000 and its total net assets \$45,000. These figures are liable to be changed any minute by new discoveries.

In the vault were \$735 in cash, \$6,000 in notes and about \$4,000 in various securities.

The books indicate that the total deposits have been about \$140,000, but that vouchers, checks and redeemed certificates of deposit reduce this amount to about \$91,000, the total known liabilities.

There are also records of realty in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and other states, but of what value, and whether mortgaged, cannot be told.

Among the depositors is Mrs. S. V. Thomas, a widow of 70 years, with a bedridden son to support. All her savings, \$40, was in the bank.

Some of the other depositors and the sum they had in the bank are: Bert McCauley, \$1,000; Robert Sharp, \$2,500; Ray Spangler, \$1,800; Fred Selfridge, \$1,100; Joseph Rootz, \$1,100; John Arthur, \$1,200; William De Merritt, \$3,800; A. C. Steiner, \$1,500; Arthur Stopp, \$500; Theodore Burghstahler, \$500; A. T. Corbin, \$300; Joliet & Southern, \$500; Western Gas & Electric, \$500; Knights of Pythias, \$500; Modern Woodmen, \$500; White Cross association, \$250; Charles Sonntag, \$500; Mrs. Belle Mottinger, aunt of Evarts' girl clerk, \$300.

CLEMENTS RETAINED
ON COMMERCE BODY

Washington, Dec. 23.—Judson C. Clements of Georgia today was reappointed by the president a member of the interstate commerce commission. His nomination was hurried to the senate.

Cambridge, Mass.—The resignation of Professor Bruce Wyman from the faculty of the Harvard Law School was accepted by the president and fellows of Harvard University. Professor Wyman in resigning explained that he was prompted by a desire to relieve the law school from embarrassment due to his connection with the New Haven railroad.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—Governor Dunne today appointed William Wharn of Salem a member of the state board of pardons to succeed Judge Charles E. Jennings of Salem, deceased.

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